


Please delete "at least" on line 3 for claims 8, 9, 27, and 30.

Please amend claim 43 as follows:

- 1 43. (Amended) A medium storing a program for realizing all
2 or some of functions owned by each component or step owned by the unit,
3 system, or transmitting method of any one of claims 1, [to 42] 23, 24 or 41.

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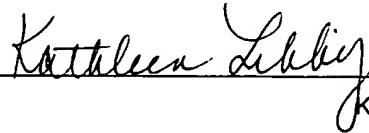
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